

Tabor Mennonite Church

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God Promises Abraham
Many Descendants

Isaac Born to Sarah and Abraham

This Sunday's morning worship focuses on the story of Abraham and Sarah who were promised a son, who was named Isaac.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP By Joanna Harader, and posted on *Spacious Faith*
(inspired by Genesis 18:1-7)
- *GATHERING HYMN "Come, We That Love" No. 31
accompanied by Marcene Entz
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" No. 34
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- OFFERING PRAYER
- CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7* Kristi Unruh
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- HYMN OF RESPONSE "The God of Sarah Praise" No. 190
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children" No. 830
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, September 10

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Sharleen Francis Family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/HqtyDaAox5A?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for Everyone. This is the first Sunday of the new Faith Formation year. Find your class here!

Preschool (ages 2-4)	Room 10
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade	Room 11
4th & 5th Grades	Room 13-14
Jr. High (6th-8th Grades)	Jr. High Room
High School	High School Room
Adult Quarterly	Conference Room
Café (Conversation and Fellowship for Everyone)	Hospitality Hall
Sermon Response	Overflow
WOW (Women of Worth)	Room 17

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, September 11, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, September 12, 9:00 am - Staff meeting

Wed, September 13, 9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall
7:00 pm - Christian Education meeting

Next Saturday & Sunday, September 16-17

Church Campout at Camp Mennoscah

Saturday, Sept. 16	2:00	Check in/Free Time
	5:30	Supper
	6:45	Hayrack Ride
	8:00	Campfire
	8:45	Popcorn
Sunday, Sept. 17	8:00	Breakfast
	10:00	Worship
	11:30	Lunch
		Clean up/Free Time (vacate by 2:00)

No Services at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday

Upcoming:

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical
September 24 - Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off
September 27 - Wednesday Evening Kickoff
October 4 - Wednesday Evening Meal, Classes, and Choir begin
October 14 - Bethel College Fall Festival
October 15 –1:30 pm - 2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
November 2 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
November 5 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for elected leaders of WDC (Executive Board, Gifts Discernment Committee, Church Planting Commission, Ministerial Leadership Commission, Resource Commission, Stewardship Commission) and other WDC committees and task forces, as they begin a new program year following Annual Assembly.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the members of the Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America (MTAL), as they compile their devotional book for 2024–2025. Pray that God's spirit will guide the team of volunteer editors and designers as they work with submissions from more than 300 women.

Congregational Announcements

Welcoming New Members: We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in becoming a member at Tabor Mennonite Church. If you are interested, please let Pastor Todd Schlosser or one of the deacons know in the upcoming weeks. We are planning a time to welcome new members and celebrate together sometime in the fall.

Wednesday Comforter Tying: A comforter will be set up in the Hospitality Hall for anyone to help tie on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. We will continue this through the winter and hopefully set up a quilt to hand quilt for the MCC sale.

Join us at Camp Mennoscah! Registrations for church campout at Camp Mennoscah are on yellow sheets in the foyer. Whether you plan to camp overnight or just come for the day, please fill out a registration form so that we know you are coming. **Forms are due by Sunday, September 10** and should be placed in the box in the foyer. Keith Banman has

agreed to coordinate meals for the weekend, but we need your help preparing food and cleaning up afterwards. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer or talk to Eunice Nickel or Pam Abrahams if you're willing to help.** This is a great activity to do with friends or your small group, so act fast to get the spot that you prefer! Here is the registration form: [Church Campout Registration 2023](#)

The Women's Chorus will be singing on October 1. Rehearsals will be on September 20 at 7:15 p.m. and September 27 at 7:00 p.m. This opportunity is for all women. Anyone 4th grade and above is encouraged to participate. We'll have a great time together, so come join the fun! Questions can be directed to Marcene Entz.

Sunday Morning Faith Formation: Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the foyer by the office. Classes begin on September 10. You do not need to teach every Sunday.

Wednesday Evening Sign-Up: We are seeking teachers and helpers for Wednesday evenings beginning October 4. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

****Is God nudging you to participate in this important and valued ministry? Whether you have done this before or you are willing to do this for the first time, thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity!

Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists! The music committee is looking for volunteers (individuals or groups) to provide Special Music for the worship services during November - February. If you are willing to share your musical gifts for this ministry, contact Carrie Unruh at 620-983-2294 or lewunr@gmail.com.

THANKS to those who volunteered to drive the MCC Tractor Shuttle at the KS State Fair this year.

Rejoice! The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* Devotional is available on the table in the foyer/ The Christian Education Commission makes these available to anyone who would like one.

Food Pantry: The shelves are getting bare! Please consider picking up some groceries for the Tabor Food Pantry the next time you are shopping. Donation suggestions include: canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake mix, cereal, granola bars, ketchup, cake mixes, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Frozen meat donations are also accepted. Please contact Tabor Church about making meat donations. Additionally, monetary donations are appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!

Conference and Community Announcements

Plan to join us at Alexanderwohl Church for Senior Coffee on Friday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. Delbert and Janine Peters will show pictures from Glacier National Park and Hells Canyon from a vacation this summer. This bus trip also included stops at landmarks educating about

the Oregon Trail, and the tensions this caused with the Plains Indians. There were surprising stops at a contaminated copper mine, Mormon tabernacle, historic railroad spots and several museums. Come enjoy some photos and conversation!

Goessel High School Alumni Choir: There will be a Goessel High School Alumni Choir rehearsal/concert on Saturday, October 7. Alumni of all ages and singing ability are invited to join together with past Goessel choir directors Andrew Voth, Renae Peters, Greg Bontrager, Jerry Toews, and current director Braden Unruh, for an afternoon of singing and reconnecting! All alumni are welcome to sing, including those who had a director prior to Jerry Toews. To sign up to sing in the Alumni Choir, or to ask any questions, please email Braden Unruh at unruhb@usd411.org

Western District Conference:

—**Save the Date!** The 2024 WDC Annual Assembly will be held on August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. We hope to see you there!

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:

—**FALL FAMILY FUN RETREAT** - Young families and children (activities orientated for 2-8 year olds) are invited to RMMC this fall offering the perfect opportunity for your family to enjoy quality time, together, in the mountains. This is the age group that are too young to attend summer camps at RMMC, but ready to be introduced to the RMMC experience. The weekend is inviting all young families that have connections with the Mennonite Community and beyond. The weekend is coming Sept. 29-31, 2022 so visit the camp web page (rmmc.org) for additional information and to register online.

Bethel College:

—**Sun., Sept. 10 – *Eat, Protest, Lift*, a film by Caleb Stephens, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center** at Bethel College; **Mon., Sept. 11, Dr. Stephens speaks in convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium;** sponsored by Bethel College Social Work, the KIPCOR Film Series and the Bethel College Women's Association's Carolyn Schultz Lectureship.

—**Thurs., Sept. 21 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall**

—**Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College –“Drinking from a New Well,” ceramics by Tom and Pam Voth, through Thurs., Sept. 21. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.**

—**Bethel College's annual online journal, *Mennonite Life*, can be accessed at ml.bethelks.edu – and there is a new item, “Elias Crosses the Molotschna,” a short story by Darrell Wiens. Also articles and reviews by Brad Born, Abigail Carl-Klassen, Daniel Shenk Cruz, Cheryl Denise,**

Josué Coy Dick, Nathan Garber, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Brad Gregory, Willmar Harder, Sheri Hostettler, Melanie Springer Mock, Hannah Neufeld, Kimberly Schmidt, Joe Smucker, Johnny Wideman and Ben Woodward-Breckbill.

Mennonite Church USA:

—Yujin Kim, a communications associate for Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, reflects on the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement and how separation and longing are part of her family narrative, shaping her identity and motivating her to work for peace. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/belonging-in-peace

—Doh Nay Kaw attended Mennonite Church USA's convention in early July with her youth group of Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church. She wrote a poem as an expression of her experience of self-searching at Menno-Con23. Read the poem here: mennoniteusa.org/who-am-i

—Violence pervades some children's Bibles, but The Peace Table, Shine's new storybook Bible, provides a peace witness, while providing thoughtful prompts concerning more violent passages. Read more about Chrissie Muecke's experience as part of The Peace Table's Team here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-paths

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

—**Expand your leadership skills through AMBS's new Practical Leadership Training modules!** Upcoming offerings include Guide Your Congregation through Polarization (webinar); Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (in-person seminar); Leading Congregations in Transition (online synchronous short course); Intercultural Inclusion: From Symbolic to Shared Power (online workshop); and Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue (webinar). CEUs available. Check out all our offerings and register today! ams.edu/plt

Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Event

The Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off event will be held on September 24 at Camp! The day will be filled with

- Fun Family Activities
- Camp Corporation Annual Meeting
- Spike Ball Tournament
- Storytelling Music

and, for the first time ever—

The Camp Mennoscah Talent/No Talent Show!

An evening of live entertainment on the banks of the Ninnescah! Enter your talent or your “talent,” wow the audience, and win prizes. All ages welcome! Or....

Bring your cash or checkbook to “vote” for your favorite acts. The act that generates the most money wins! All money collected will be considered a donation to Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project!

Be sure to let us know if you plan to attend and if you have an act to enter - remember, all ages and talent levels welcome! Check Camp Mennoscah’s website at www.campmennoscah.org or Camp’s Facebook page for more information.

Sunday, September 24 at Camp Mennoscah

1:00-5:00 PM Opening Event & Fun Family Activities

4:00 PM Music

5:00 PM Dinner - Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs on the grill

6:00 PM Annual Meeting

7:00 PM Talent/No Talent Show

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

September 3, 2023

Offering = \$2,905.00 Attendance = N/A

Worship Link Views = 45

Total Budget	310,131.00
Per Sunday (52)	5,964.06
# Sundays through 9/3	40
Targeted Giving	238,562.31
Actual Giving through 9/3	200,103.17
Above (Shortfall)	(38,459.14)
Remaining Sundays	12
Amount Needed per Sunday	9,168.99



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